

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 702
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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article III, Section 17; Article VI, Section 5; and Article VII, Section 3; of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, relative to the popular election of the secretary of state, attorney general and reporter, state treasurer, and state comptroller of the treasury.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article III, Section 17, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following words and punctuation:

A secretary of state shall be appointed by joint vote of the General Assembly, and commissioned during the term of four years;
and by substituting instead the following:

A secretary of state shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years; the secretary of state shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state at least five years prior to election;

And that Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

An attorney general and reporter for the state shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years. The attorney general and reporter shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state at least five years prior to election.

And that Article VII, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

A state treasurer shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years. The state treasurer shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state at least five years prior to election. A state comptroller of the treasury shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years. The state comptroller of the treasury shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state at least five years prior to election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendments proposed herein at the November 2006 general election, popular elections for state treasurer and state comptroller of the treasury shall be held at the November 2008 general election and every four (4) years thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendments proposed herein at the November 2006 general election, until the November 2008 general election, the general assembly shall retain its current powers with respect to filling the office of treasurer and the office of comptroller of the treasury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendments proposed herein at the November 2006 general election, popular elections for secretary of state and attorney general and reporter shall be held at the November 2010 general election and every four (4) years thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendments proposed herein at the November 2006 general election, until the November 2010 general election, the current appointing authorities shall retain their current powers with respect to filling the office of secretary of state and the office of attorney general and reporter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the clerk of the senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state